

Regular Council Meeting
August 28, 2003

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Earl King, Mike Helton, Councilwoman Janice McLean and Jean Arrant were present. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley and City Attorney Clayton Adkinson. Councilman Scott Brannon was absent.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Helton motioned that the minutes of regular council meetings of 7/24/03, 8/12/03, and the budget workshop meetings of 8/5/03 and 8/7/03 be accepted as presented. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Old Business:

Angela Ellis with WFRPC preformed the second reading of the Freeport 860-LLC large-scale amendment by title for transmittal to Department of Community Affairs. Councilman King motioned to approve the transmittal to DCA, Councilman Helton seconded the motion, motion carried, 4-0.

Attorney Adkinson asked if we could move to the new business area on the agenda. The first item was the plat for Sweetwater Village. Motion to approve the plat was made by Councilwoman Arrant, seconded by Councilman King, motion carried, 4-0.

Charles Peters began the engineer's report with the DOT sidewalk project. There was an increase in the budget. No local funds required unless project cost went over the budget amount. Draw down on the funds was not a reimbursement contract, because most billings were paid within 20 days of submission. Attorney Adkinson questioned Charles on the prepayment of the cost. Charles assured him that Keith Shores stated that the draw request would be paid within 20 days of submission. Adkinson was also concerned that this was on a state right of way and it could cost more. Charles pointed out the change of the sidewalk placement to just a small amount of right of way on hwy 331. Councilman King motioned that the Mayor has authorization to execute the agreement between DOT and the City for this LAP program. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 4-0. North Bay bid opening is set for September 23, 2003 and a recommendation will be made to the Council on September 25, 2003. Mayor Marse asked that Utility Solutions in DFS and Construction Services in Villa Tasso be added to the list of bidders. Rural Development ordered closing instructions on August 15th and it takes about 6 weeks. This will match up with the timeline of awarding the bids. All permits have been received for the project. Charles introduced a company named Tax Research and Resources. This company offers the non-profit organizations the ability not to pay the sales taxes on materials. Charles has some concerns about this offer because of warranty issues, storage issues and paper work. Councilwoman Arrant wants Charles to check into it further. Charles was given permission to enclose this option into the bid package, without having to accept this option when the contract is awarded. The sewer plant expansion design work has begun. The preliminary report should be completed about mid October. The consumptive use permit increase application process has begun for the City.

Attorney Adkinson left the meeting and Councilman Brannon arrived at 7:25 pm.

New Business:

Plat on Sweetwater Village addressed earlier.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order. Motion 2nd by Councilman Brannon, motion carried, 5-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Mayor Marse requested that the City place a half page ad in the Grit and Grace brochure. Council approved this request.

Councilman Brannon asked the Council what they wanted to name the old post office building. The Council wants to keep the name “OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING”.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council